REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are currently pending in the application with Claims 1, 4, 8, 12 and 14 as independent claims. The Examiner objected to the Specification. Claims 10, 11, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner states that the arguments presented in the last reply were not persuasive. The Examiner rejected Claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohen et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 7,221,764) in view of Watanabe et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,072,657). Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,289,102) in view of Watanabe.

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Watanabe discloses a method of coordinating the handoff of a mobile carrier between a first access network and a second access network. The method includes attempting a hand-off from a first access network that the mobile carrier is currently operating within to a second access network, wherein the attempting includes authenticating at the hyper operator only that the user may have access to the second access network via a contract earlier established.

Regarding the objection to the Specification, the Applicants removed the subject matter "carrier waves" with the aim to make the claims coincide with the Specification in response to the 101 rejection. As stated below, the claims are further amended to alleviate the Examiner's concerns. The Examiner is however, invited to call the undersigned to discuss this matter if the Examiner believes it would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters.

Regarding the §101 rejection, Claims 10, 11, 14 and 15 have been amended to recite "a computer readable storage medium" as suggested by the Examiner. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested, and is believed to overcome the 35 USC§101 rejection.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claims 1, 4, 8, and 12, The Examiner alleges that Cohen teaches every element of the claims except for "setting an access authorization to an access

point in advance," which the Examiner asserts is taught by Watanabe. The applicants respectfully disagree.

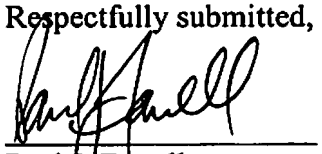
After careful review of Cohen, the applicants find no passage remotely related to the teaching of "a plurality of access authorization types" as claimed in the present invention. It appears the Examiner does not accord any patentable weight to the phrase "a plurality of access authorization types" within the context of the claims. All words in a claim must be considered in judging the patentability of that claim against the prior art. See MPEP §2143.03. One cannot divine claim meaning in a vacuum. Philips v. AWH Corporation (Fed. Cir. July 12, 2005). Since Watanabe fails to cure the deficiencies of Cohen, the Examiner fails to establish a prima facie case of obviousness as required by 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

As for independent Claim 14, the claim has been amended as set forth above. The claim now recites "the access authorization information being used for allocating encryption keys according to access authorization classes," which is not disclosed nor fairly suggested by Ueda or Watanabe or a combination thereof. Accordingly, the Examiner fails to establish a prima facie case of obviousness as to Claim 14. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Because the above arguments put independent Claims 1, 4, 8, 12 and 14 in condition for allowance, then, at least because of their dependence on these claims respectively, dependent Claims 2-3, 5-10, 9-11, 13 and 15 are also in condition for allowance.

The application as now presented, containing Claims 1-15 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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